

REMARKS

It is noted with appreciation in the previous Office Action that the Examiner indicated claims 1-22 as being allowable and also has provided language to place claim 23 in condition for allowance. Claim 23 has been amended.

The Applicant would like to address two issues regarding the Office Action Summary and the status and disposition of the claims. It is noted that in the status of the application this Office Action is indicated as both final and non-final. Applicant respectfully submits that this Office Action should be non-final as claim 23 has been rejected under new grounds of rejection (35 U.S.C. §101).

As far as disposition of the claims, it is noted that claims 1-23 are indicated as rejected in the Office Action Summary, whereas claims 1-22 are indicated as allowed in the body of the Action. In any event, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1-23 are now in condition for allowance. Notification to that effect is respectfully requested.

Should any questions arise in connection with this application, or should the Examiner believe a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any remaining issues pertaining to this application, the undersigned respectfully requests that he be contacted at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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